

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

This letter is responsive to the Office Action dated April 10, 2003. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that this response is timely filed.

The Examiner has stated that the applicant has not indicated which of the newly added claims 23-32 are readable upon the elected species shown in Figures 4-9. In response, the Examiner is advised that claims 23 and 27-32 are readable upon the species shown in Figures 4-9.

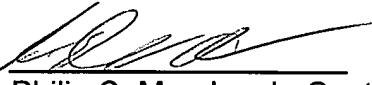
The Examiner has also stated that the applicant has to amend the specification to include reference to Patent no. 6,383,266 in the paragraph of the specification making reference to priority documents. In response, the applicant has amended the specification accordingly.

The applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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